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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 IN RE HEWLETT-PACKARD COMPANY
12 SHAREHOLDER DERIVATIVE LITIGATION

No. 3:12-cv-06003-CRB

**ORDER RE APPOINTMENT OF
SPECIAL MASTER FOR REVIEW OF
SEALING REQUESTS**

13 THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

14 ALL ACTIONS
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17 In response to this Court's Order denying a series of pending administrative motions to file
18 documents under seal (dkt. 411), Hewlett-Packard ("HP") asks this Court to reconsider its decision
19 with respect to a lengthy series of documents containing what HP considers to be "exceptionally
20 sensitive information" that outweighs the public interest in access to information. See HP Response
21 (dkt. 419). The Court finds that in light of the special circumstances of this action due to the
22 extent of the documents sought to be sealed and in particular their complex nature as various
23 records of internal corporate governance, this matter would benefit from the appointment of a
24 Special Master to conduct a review of the motions to seal if HP so consents under Federal
25 Rule of Civil Procedure 53(a). The Court suggests that the requests to seal in the above-
26 entitled matter be referred to the Honorable James Larson (Ret.), JAMS; Two Embarcadero
27 Center, Suite 1500, San Francisco, CA 94111. If appointed, Judge Lason would be Special
28 Master for the limited purpose of preparing a Report and Recommendation on HP's request
to seal documents. The parties would have ten days from the date of a Report and

1 Recommendation to file any objections, which the Court would review under the directives
2 of Rule 53. As the party seeking to maintain its own documents under seal, HP would be
3 responsible for bearing the cost of the Special Master and JAMS law clerk as necessary
4 under the customary fees schedules of the JAMS organization.

5 HP is hereby DIRECTED to file a letter within three business days consenting to the
6 appointment of Judge James Larson as Special Master under the terms outlined in this Order
7 or stating any objections.

8 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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10 Dated: August 10, 2015



CHARLES R. BREYER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE